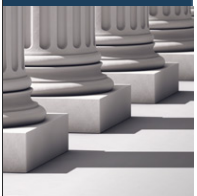


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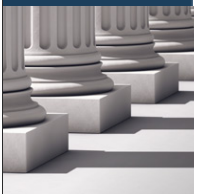
BUDGET PRIORITIES, BUILDING BLOCKS, & ARPA REQUESTS

FY2023



MISSION

**... to provide the people an
OPEN, FAIR, EFFICIENT, and
INDEPENDENT system for the
advancement of justice
under the law.**



JUDICIAL COUNCIL



Chief Justice
Presiding Officer

16 Members

Elected by each respective group



**Supreme
Court justice**



**Court of
Appeals judge**



**District
Court judges**



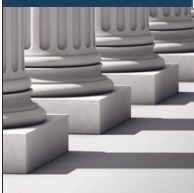
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**Justice
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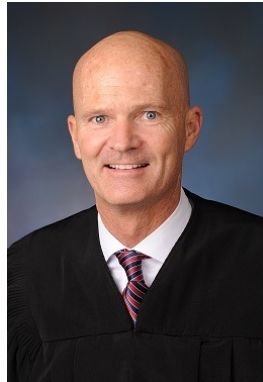


JUDICIAL COUNCIL

(in alphabetical order, after the Chief Justice)



Chief Justice Durrant
Supreme Court, Chair



Judge Keith Barnes
District Court [5th]



Judge Samuel Chiara
District Court [8th]



Judge Augustus Chin
Justice Court [3rd]



Judge David Connors
District Court [2nd]



Judge Ryan Evershed
Juvenile Court [8th]



Judge Paul Farr
Justice Court [3rd]



Judge Michelle Heward
Juvenile Court [2nd]



Judge Mark May
Juvenile Court [3rd]



Judge David Mortensen
Court of Appeals



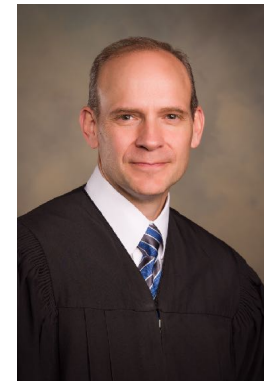
Justice Paige Petersen
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Judge Kara Pettit
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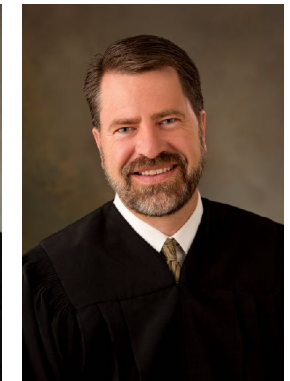
Margaret Plane
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Judge Derek Pullan
District Court [4th]



Judge Brook Sessions
Justice Court [4th]



Judge Todd Shaughnessy
District Court [3rd], Vice Chair

FY2023 BUDGET PRIORITIES

ONGOING

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Judicial Assistants

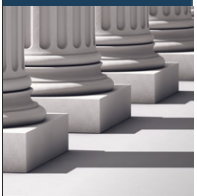
Recruit & Retain — **\$3,900,000**

More than **40% of court FTEs** are Judicial Assistants

Judicial Assistants serve a **critical core function**

Experiencing **unsustainable 25% turnover**

To **reliably function**, courts need
well-trained & dedicated Judicial Assistants

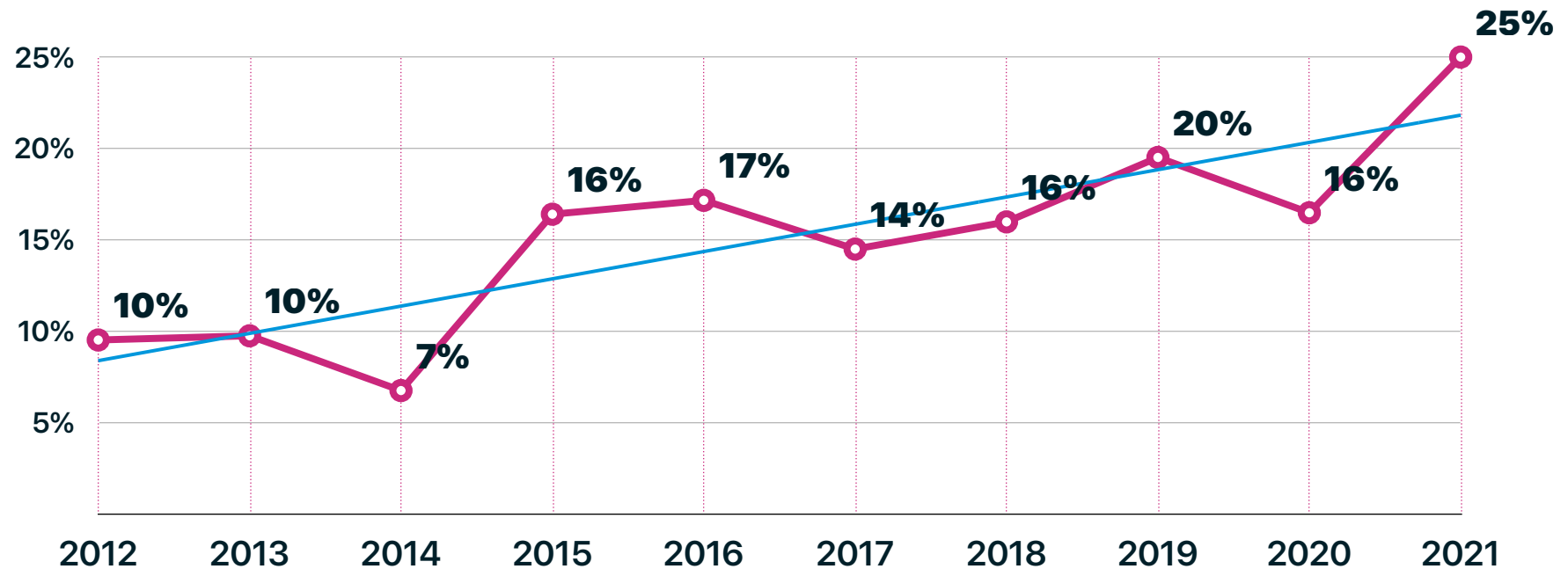




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Judicial Assistant Turnover Rates: 2012-2021





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Public Outreach Coordinator

Build Sustainable Bridges — **\$120,000***

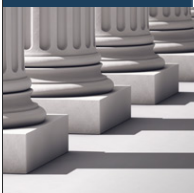
Establish **sustainable bridges** with marginalized communities and individuals

Increase **public trust** and **confidence**

Educate about courts and available services

Part of **Office of Fairness & Accountability**

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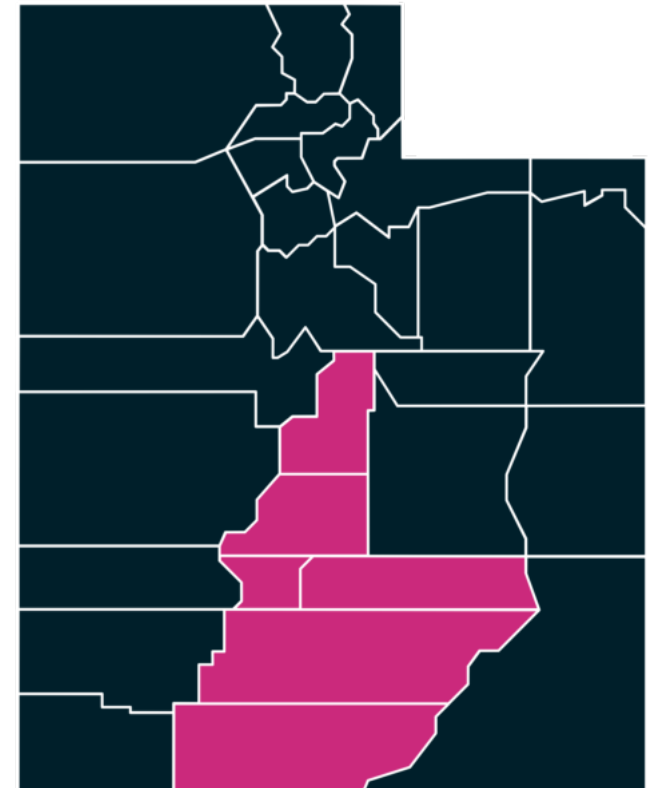
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ONGOING
PRIORITY

Juvenile Court Judge

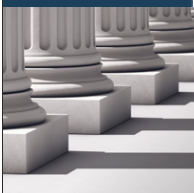
Sixth Judicial District — **\$449,100** (+ \$25K one-time)

Single judge serves nearly
70,000 residents
spanning across nearly
16,000 square miles

Carrying the **caseload of**
1.6 judges



Sixth District includes Sanpete, Sevier, Piute, Wayne, Garfield, and Kane Counties





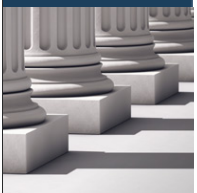
Court Visitor Coordinator

Guardianship Info to Judges — **\$92,100**

Guardianships **increased 30%+** in last five years

Provides **essential, verified info** to judges

Careful coordination with **trained volunteers** to investigate the circumstances and **well-being of protected persons**





Treatment Court Coordinator

Support Problem-Solving Courts — **\$97,700**

Utah has **65 problem-solving courts**: drug courts, mental health courts, veterans treatment courts, etc.

These courts support individuals' **successful exit** from the **criminal justice system**

Coordinator will provide **technical support** and **statewide performance data tracking**



FY2023 BUDGET PRIORITIES

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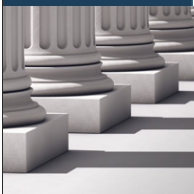
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FY2023 ARPA REQUESTS

		ONE-TIME
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2	ARPA • Case Backlog – <i>Continued Acceleration of Jury Trial Work</i>	\$1,000,000
3	ARPA • COVID-19 Supplies – <i>Court Patron Health & Safety</i>	\$640,000
4	ARPA • Legal Sandbox – <i>Innovative Access to Justice</i>	\$649,000
5	ARPA • Self-Help Forms – <i>Accessible Family Law Case Forms</i>	\$64,000
6	ARPA • Interpreter Equipment – <i>Court in <u>YOUR</u> Language</i>	\$97,000
7	ARPA • Eviction Court – <i>Eviction Case Court Facilitators</i>	\$166,000
8	ARPA • Public Outreach – <i>Stay Connected to the Public</i>	\$30,000
9	ARPA • Access to Justice II – <i>Juvenile, QR Codes, Hearing Portal</i>	\$1,881,500
		\$5,900,900



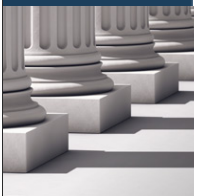


ARPA • Access to Justice I

Court Systems Improvements — **\$1,373,400**

- **Appellate eFiling** \$593,400
- **ePayments Expansion** \$475,000
- **Xchange** \$125,000
- **MyCase Payments** \$180,000

Improvements to create a **more robust, resilient, efficient,** and **flexible** state judiciary





ARPA • Case Backlog

Accelerate Jury Trial Work — **\$1,000,000**

Provide **accelerated access** to court

Capably address COVID-related case backlogs, including
jury trial work

Additional funding to pay for such things as **necessary
senior judge time** and support staff



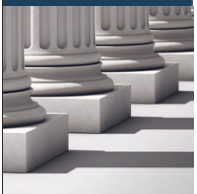


ARPA • COVID Supplies

Court Patron Health & Safety — **\$640,000**

Funding for **ongoing expenditures** related to masks, sanitizer, filters, and other supplies **to reduce spread of COVID-19** in courts

Extends funding through the end of FY2023



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**ONE-TIME
PRIORITY**

ARPA • Legal Sandbox

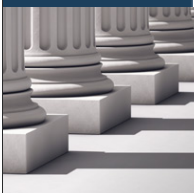
Innovative Access to Justice — **\$649,000**

Represents two years of funding for the Supreme Court's

Office of Legal Services Innovation

Oversight of Legal Sandbox participants

Enable more Utahns to **obtain necessary legal assistance** from new and accessible providers





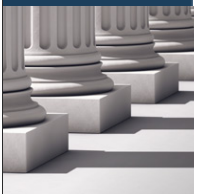
ARPA • Self-Help Forms

Family Law Forms Creation — **\$64,000**

Attorney-crafted forms for family law cases

Utah individuals and families file **20,000+ domestic cases** each year

Forms will be **accessible through any device**, including phones



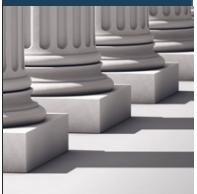


ARPA • Interpreter Equipment

Court in YOUR Language — **\$97,000**

Purchase **72 sets of interpreting equipment** for each district and juvenile courtroom across the state

Provides **effective interpretation services** from anywhere in the courtroom





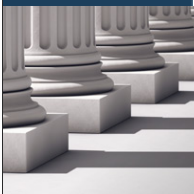
ARPA • Eviction Court

Eviction Court Facilitators — **\$166,000**

Two time-limited eviction court facilitators based in Salt Lake County to **help reduce homelessness** from eviction

Explain options in eviction cases

Educate about and apply for **rental assistance**



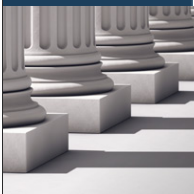


ARPA • Public Outreach

Stay Connected to the Public — **\$30,000**

Produce and distribute **educational & promotional videos** and **targeted social media ads** about court resources and processes, including automatic expungement

Contract with a **temporary Graphic Designer/Content Creator**





ARPA • Access to Justice II

Court Systems Improvements II — **\$1,881,500**

- **Juvenile Pro Se eFiling & Digital Signing** \$125,000
- **Responsive Juvenile CMS (CARE)** \$650,000
- **COVID-19 Workspace Adaptations** \$826,500
- **QR Codes on Court Documents** \$160,000
- **Public Court Hearings Portal** \$120,000

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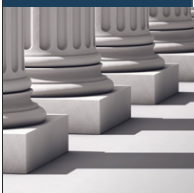
Reallocating Richfield Bond

Wasatch County Justice Center — **\$219,155**

Richfield Courthouse construction **bond retires FY2023**

The Courts leases space from Wasatch County for a courtroom in Heber City; an **additional courtroom is necessary** and has been **on priority list since 2012**

Bond reallocation would allow Courts to work with Wasatch County and **cover lease** of additional courtroom



PERFORMANCE

Time to Disposition, Clearance Rates, Age of Cases

2011 – Current

www.utcourts.gov/performanceasures/

Caseloads: Appellate, District, Juvenile, and Justice

1997 – Current

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